

HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING
Highland Town Hall- Highland, Indiana 46322
July 7, 2016 MINUTES

Call to Order

At 6:33 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road in Highland, Indiana.

Roll Call:

The following members of the 2016 Highland Main Street Board were present: Dawn Diamantopoulos, Julie Larson, Marie Russo, and Redevelopment Commission Assistant Lance Ryskamp. Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro, Mario DeGeorge, Marion Case, Dan Dunn, Tracy Oprea, Alicia Rosignol, and Jen Duncan were absent. Others present via conference call, Theresa Pecsek.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 3, 2016, April 7, 2016, May 5, 2016, and June 2, 2016 meetings were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Town Theatre

No report.

Highland Rookery

No report.

Car Cruise

Lance provided members with a final wrap-up of the Car Cruise.

Festival of the Trail

It was decided that Dawn, Julie and Lance would meet to begin planning the 2016 Fest, during the week of July 24th.

Cash Mobs

Dawn said she would check into the possibility of holding a cash mob event at One Best Life At Tinker's Attic on Highway Avenue.

Façade Improvement Grant

Lance reported that a new Façade Grant application has been filed for The Corporate Thread on Highway Avenue in Downtown Highland.

Municipal Parking Lot on the Corner of Highway and Kennedy Avenues

Theresa reported that at various spots in the parking lot, there is debris and accumulations of soil, sand and salt. She said she would like to meet Cecile at the site to survey the area. She said that definitely the project would require the assistance of the Public Works Department for assistance for on the area before planting.

Art & Cultural District Plan

Lance reported that the Art & Cultural District plan, funded by a grant from NIRPC is almost completed, pending the answers of a few last questions to SEH.

Poet Laureate Program

Julie reported that Lilly Rex, Poet Laureate, issued a call-out for poetry for the sidewalk poetry project.

Sculptural Tour of Highland

Lance reported that HMS had received a \$500 grant from Legacy Foundation for an artist stipend to create a public mural on Redevelopment Commission-owned property at 2821 Jewett Street. He stated that there has been no notification to date on a second possible grants of \$500 each through the Northwest Indiana Forum. Dawn said she would prepare a call-out for art proposal for the mural. Theresa asked who would maintain the mural. Dawn said that there is likely no maintenance required for the mural.

Discussion

Members discussed the proposed community garden project. Lance passed out pictures provided by Cecile on possible above-ground planter boxes and said that he had not had time to begin looking for a possible site. Julie suggested contacting the Humane Society to find out more about the community garden feature of their proposed project to Legacy Foundation. Lance said he had already reached out to them, but had not yet received any further information. Julie said she would put together a draft schedule and budget for beginning the project in the Spring of 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.